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**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR VALIDATING TRANSACTIONS
WITHIN A REGIONAL MESSAGING SYSTEM**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

[Please cancel claims 1-12.]

REMARKS:

Claims 1-12 have been cancelled and will be prosecuted in a continuation application.

Respectfully submitted,

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